

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF!



DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

SALOONS GIVEN NEW LICENSES

Fifteen in Marshfield Renewed Without Protest for Six Months

All of the fifteen saloon licenses in Marshfield were renewed by the City Council last evening for the ensuing six months. There was not a protest and practically no discussion. The petitions were turned over to City Attorney Goss to examine as to whether the bonds were properly made out and he reported that all were all right except one on which J. W. Bennett and J. H. Flanagan had signed as bondsmen and their names were not in the body of the bond and a slight error in the application of John Burke of the Coos Bay Beer Saloon. He said there would be corrected. They were then all granted. It had been reported around that there was a big petition against renewing the licenses, but no such petition was presented to the Council.

New Members Later.

H. J. Kimball, Jr., and George E. Cook, Councilmen-elect, and Carl Evertsen, re-elected, will be sworn in next Monday night. Councilman Doll was not able to be present last evening owing to sickness and Councilman Wilson was there, but said he might not be able to come for the opening Monday night. Mayor Allen thanked him for his services the past year.

Asks For Sewer.

John Pittman, of South Seventh street, asked for a sewer to be put in. He said that he had tried to use a cesspool, but that there were so many springs that the cesspools flooded his basement. The Council ordered the City Engineer to prepare plans for the sewer which will connect with the other system at Fifth and Kruse, three blocks away.

Mr. Nelson later asked that the work on the sewer be deferred until they get the alley planked, so that they would have a street that would not be all mud. He was told that the sewer would not be started in less than ninety days and this satisfied him.

O'Connell Has Protest.

Eugene O'Connell entered a protest to the Council because L. M. Noble and the other property owners on North Second Street, north of the O'Connell Apartment building, allowing the drainage from the property to run down hill into the basement of his building. He said that he had to dig a well, put in an electric pump and go to other expenses to keep the water out and he wanted the Council to compel the others to drain their lots into the street. He was told that if the water did not come off the street, he would have to begin private action against the property owners. However, a committee was appointed to look into the complaint. He also entered protest because the Coos Bay Water Company had increased his water bill \$1 per month.

Blames Firemen.

Geo. W. Tribbey, a member of the committee appointed to ascertain why the City Engineer's office was not kept warm, reported that the only reason was because the engineers had not kept up sufficient fire. D. L. Buckingham said that since the protest was registered, they had kept it warm.

Someone suggested that the pipe leading to the room be wrapped with asbestos. City Attorney Goss

said that the Engineer's office should be papered and fixed up so that the wind didn't blow in. Councilman Albrecht said that the city's coal bill was increasing too fast. Mayor Allen said that he thought it would be all right to continue the committee, as they had kept the room warm.

Want Pay For Bill.

The bill of the Port of Coos Bay for \$197 for filling the city's lots at Fourth and Anderson was laid on the table. It was declared that the city had spent about \$1460 trying to clean out the port drain box and had received nothing from the port in return. Anyway, City Recorder Dutler said that the bill for the fill had been increased and someone protested because the port had refunded \$6000 to others.

A bill from F. E. Conway for extra work to keep the water out of the Myrtle Arms basement was ordered sent to the Port Commission.

Pay for Library.

A bill for \$122 insurance premiums on the new library was ordered sent back to the library committee to be paid by them. The policies were declared by City Attorney Goss to be worthless as it made the Marshfield Public Library the beneficiary and he said that they were not legal.

It was decided to allow the library \$105 per month hereafter.

Other Business.

Recorder Dutler was authorized to bid in North Eighth street property which is to be sold soon for street assessments.

Hagquist and Bjorquist were ordered paid \$689.79 on their contract on Eighth street from Hemlock to Laurel.

The Port of Coos Bay was ordered paid \$997.59 for filling Pine Street from Front to Eighth with dredgings. Henry Haverkamp's application for a small street light on North Front street was less with Councilman Evertsen to investigate. Mr. Haverkamp offered to pay part of the cost.

To Fence Old Cemetery.

City Engineer Buckingham reported that he had completed a survey of the old cemetery on Knob Hill, which it is proposed to convert into a city park. He said it would cost \$175 to fence it.

The fence will run close to the house of E. W. Sullivan and possibly through his kitchen, and he will be given notice to move off the city's property. The survey takes in half of the former streets around the tract.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
ARRIVE TODAY ON THE REDONDO

Vessel in From South and Will Make Record Loading, Sailing at 10 Tomorrow

The Redondo arrived in early this morning from San Francisco and will make another record loading as she is scheduled to leave out tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The Nan Smith will sail at the same hour.

The Redondo had a very light freight cargo and small incoming passenger list. Among those arriving on her were:

F. R. Lamon, J. B. Bodin, J. B. Bodin, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Bodin, Ray Boyd, Gee Chow and Gee Lung.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
SPEEDWELL sails from COOS BAY for SAN FRANCISCO, SAN PEDRO and SAN DIEGO, SATURDAY, JAN. 2, 11 A. M.

CITY ENGINEER IS DISPENSED WITH

Council Abolishes D. L. Buckingham's Job for Time Being—Two Councilmen Clash

With Councilman Ferguson casting the only dissenting vote, the Marshfield City Council last evening dispensed with the services of a regular city engineer for the time being. The action came toward the close of the session and was marked by a rather animated tilt between Councilmen Copple and Ferguson.

Councilman Copple brought the matter up, saying that they had planned for two or three months to cut down the engineering expense, but somehow they had not done anything. He said that it seemed something crept in to prevent it. He said to bring it to a show down that he would move for the time being the services of a regular engineer be dispensed with and the mayor empowered to hire an engineer from day to day, for the next few months, when one is needed.

Mayor Allen said that he had talked the matter over with Engineer Buckingham and it was agreeable with him.

Councilman Ferguson said that he would amend Copple's motion to the effect that just as soon as the present city improvements are completed, the services of an engineer be dispensed with. He said that he thought it was poor policy to let the contractors do work as they pleased.

Councilman Copple said that it had been dragging long enough now and that the only way to take up the slack was to take hold now. He said that an engineer could be hired by the day at the same rate they were now paying Mr. Buckingham by the month.

Mr. Buckingham said that he would not work by the day at the same pay he was getting by the month.

Councilman Copple said that if he wouldn't other engineers would.

Councilman Copple said that henceforth he was going to put Marshfield interests ahead of any personal interest. He said that he thought the city should be run just the same as his private business, hire a man only when he needed one and just so long as he needed him.

Councilman Ferguson said that he was working for Marshfield's interest just as much as anyone and always had been. He said that he thought the city should have a competent man and one as long as one was needed. When it could get along without one without sacrificing its interests, he said he was in favor of it.

Councilman Copple said that the matter had been put up to Mr. Ferguson several times previously and each time Ferguson was on the other side—against Marshfield.

This aroused Ferguson's ire and he retorted warmly that Mr. Copple could not show at any time where he was against Marshfield interests. He said that he was on the Council to do what he thought was right, to do as his judgment dictated, and not to carry out Mr. Copple's dictates. He said that while he had taken the opposite side to Mr. Copple, he thought the records would show that he had been right as often as Mr. Copple was.

Mr. Copple said that he did not mean to insinuate that Mr. Ferguson had not acted according to his judgment.

Just then, Councilman Albrecht seconded Mr. Copple's motion calling for a vote and Ferguson was the only one voting "nay."

"It was useless to have started the wrangle," remarked Mr. Copple after the vote was taken.

"Then what did you start it for?" retorted Ferguson.

Mr. Buckingham had previously explained that in addition to the street jobs which are now being completed, he was working on the plans for the Marshfield drainage

WHAT KIND OF A PROPHET ARE YOU?

See How Many of These Questions You Can Answer. Then Cut Out These Two Columns and Fold It Away in an Envelope. At the End of 1915 Take It Out and See How Many Questions You Answered Correctly?

When will the war end?
Will the new Southern Pacific railway from Eugene be completed?
Will W. J. Conrad be married?
Will Japan and China go to war?
Will James Watson be County Judge?
Will Grimes' new building be built?
What will be the increase in the Times' circulation?
Where will woman's waist line be?
Will the United States see a calamity like the San Francisco fire or the Dayton flood?
Will Henry Ford sell the allotted number of cars to allow for the \$40 refund?
How many of your New Year's resolutions will you keep?
Will Ireland get home rule?
Will Bryan make any peace treaties?

How many new business blocks will be erected in Marshfield?
What will be the highest and lowest point the thermometer will reach on Coos Bay.
How many inches of rain will fall on Coos Bay?
What will be the increase in the population of Marshfield?
What will be the increase in the Marshfield school census?
Will the government agree to the construction of the new jetties on Coos Bay?
Will any great naval battle be caught by moving picture cameras?
How many moving picture shows will there be in Marshfield?
How many daily papers will there be on Coos Bay?
What will the wholesale price of flour be a year from today?
Who will be the next Mayor of Marshfield?

How much money will you save?
Will it rain on the Fourth of July?
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How many people will be arrested in Marshfield for speeding?
Will the Russians reach Berlin?
Will the Germans reach Calais?
Will suffrage become National?
Will any new states go "dry"?
Which?
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MILL SLOUGH IS STILL A PROBLEM

City Council Unable to Decide Upon Plans for Drainage—Arrange for Joint Session

The Mill Slough drain problem was not settled by the City Council last night.

It was finally decided, after much discussion and the reading of three different reports on how it should be done, to call another joint conference of representatives of the city and Port of Coos Bay to talk it over. Councilman Albrecht was asked to arrange the meeting some time between now and Monday.

F. K. Gettins made a report on the project. He said that to clean up the present drain and with sewer rods and hydraulic and put in some manholes would probably cost \$980. To dig out the drain, patch up the box and board up the slides, making it an open channel, would cost about \$685. He said that while the cheapness of the first way made it seem the logical one, he favored the latter because it was more certain and the drain could be kept open in the future.

Report by Powers.

A. H. Powers made a report favoring the first plan of Mr. Gettins, that is, cleaning out the sewer. He said that the Port of Coos Bay would either contribute \$600 to the city and let the latter do the work or the Port would accept \$600 from the city and do the work, providing it was given the use of the fire engine and some hose. He stated that after the drain is cleared out and put in working order this time, the city would be expected to assume responsibility for it in the future.

Albrecht Has Plan. Councilman Albrecht submitted

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The third plan. His project was to clean out the present box sewer to Fourth street and then open it up from there west and make a drain box six feet deep and eight feet wide. Furthermore, he urged that the city immediately take steps towards putting in the permanent drain down Anderson avenue from Fourth street to the bay.

Objections Are Entered.
City Engineer Buckingham said that Mr. Gettins' estimate of opening the drain was too low as the dirt could not be moved for fifteen cents per yard as he estimated.

Councilman Albrecht said that the estimate of Messrs. Powers and Gettins for cleaning out the old drain was away too low, because they did not take into consideration that thirty days wear and tear on the fire engine would be considerable and also that to use 2200 feet of hose for this purpose would practically destroy the hose, adding \$2200 more to the cost. Then he said it was uncertain. He said the city has already put \$1400 into experiments in trying to open the drain.

Court Order in Case.
City Attorney Goss said that the Port Commission and City were held jointly responsible for keeping the drain box open all the time, according to the recent order of the court. The said that the proposal to shelve the drain onto the city after it was cleaned out would not stick.

He said that the city and port simply had to agree on opening the drain and get it done or both would be "soaked" by the court when the time limit expired, March 15.

He said that as the transcript of the evidence would cost \$800 and there would be other expenses and a year's delay, he thought that it was not wise to appeal from the decision of the court allowing the West Marshfield property owner \$1700 for flooding their lands. Besides this, he said this damage was for one season and if it was flooded again, they would have a precedent on which to secure damages later.

He declared that the evidence in the case showed that the drain had been poorly constructed and he declared that even if the drain was merely cleaned out now, it was quite essential to have a man get through it and make repairs to insure it keeping open.

Mayor Allen said that a conference of the Port Commission, the land savor of the Councilmen, the land savor of a plan of engaging Mr. Kellogg at \$4 a day to open up the drain, the city and port paying the expense jointly.

Someone pointed out that an open sewer could not be put across some of the property where they have only a temporary permit for right-of-way. Others objected to an open drain for various reasons.

Mr. Goss said that the best way to decide would be to have a conference of the Council and Port Commission and agree upon a plan as they would get nowhere separately. Councilman Copple said that if Powers had full power for the Port.

Councilman Evertsen favored an open drain. Furthermore he said that if the city's hose and fire engine was used, the Port should be for the use of it and for any damage done. Some favored a centrifugal pump instead of the fire engine, to do the work.

Finally, action was deferred to a joint session could be arranged.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
SAIL NORTH TODAY ON GEO. W. ELDER
The George W. Elder sailed 10 o'clock this morning for Portland with a good passenger list. She had a rather light out-going freight cargo.

Among those sailing on her were: G. W. Reynolds, Mrs. L. M. Fell, G. C. Gamondson, Elmer Orni, Mrs. L. Orni, Mrs. Rita-Lindblad, Annie Lindblad, Mrs. J. W. Morrow, Edgmona Ingram, Mrs. E. Ingram, E. Ingram, W. T. Stoll, Mrs. L. T. Zell, N. J. Murry, A. Emerson, J. C. Gisch, Andrew Ekholm, G. Peldo, Vaner Ekholm, Thor. J. E. Ohlson, Ole K. Hov, Henry Jamo, Chas. Bear, F. S. Miss Olive Nelson, Mrs. B. Foy, Mrs. E. Frizeen, Mrs. B. Hoyt, Conrad P. Olson, J. H. Baum, G. Carter, Clara Dredger, W. A. Decker, H. Tobell, A. Astalo, M. G. son, Mrs. Ruby Bullington.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
The Home-Lover knows that the fireplace is the heart of the home—the very center of good cheer, comfort and hospitality.
Our earnest endeavor is to bring this true and give our patrons exactly what they want—a fireplace to be proud of. And we have been very successful this past year in pleasing our patrons, and we wish them all the comforts and joys the new year will bring, with the delights of the fire upon the hearth.
Wish all a Happy New Year.

"THE FIRESIDE"
145 North Second Street.

A Happy New Year

To All is Our Wish, Not Only for Our Friends and Customers, But For Every Man, Woman and Child in Coos County.

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